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Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

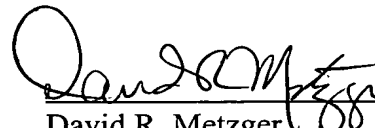
IN THE SPECIFICATION

Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" insert the following:

RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present and foregoing application claim priority to Japanese Application No. P2000-176215 filed June 13, 2000. All of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law--

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